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SUBJECT: DRUG DEMAND REDUCTION ASSISTANCE - PEMADAM  
ADVISER

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH TALKS HELD DURING DCM ROSENTHAL'S  
RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON, THE DEPARTMENT HAS LOOKED INTO  
THE VARIOUS WAYS THAT THE PEMADAM DRUG ABUSE REHABILITATION  
ADVISER REQUESTED BY THE GOM MIGHT BE PROVIDED. NIDA  
HAS INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT ITS CONTRACTING REGULATIONS  
PRECLUDE RECRUITMENT OF A LONG-TERM ADVISER. THUS, THE  
MOST EXPEDITIOUS WAY TO RECRUIT THE ADVISER USING USG  
CHANNELS IS THROUGH AID. ALTHOUGH THE NARCOTICS CONTROL  
SUPPORT FUNCTIONS AID PROVIDES FOR THE DEPARTMENT WILL  
TERMINATE OCTOBER 1, IT WOULD BE STILL POSSIBLE TO RECRUIT  
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AN ADVISER THROUGH AN AID PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT  
BY THAT DATE. IF THE EMBASSY CONCURS IN A RECRUITMENT  
THROUGH AID, THE DEPARTMENT WILL PREPARE RESUMES ON A  
PANEL OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE RECRUITMENT OPTION WOULD BE TO  
DEVELOP A BILATERAL PROJECT AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO WHICH

THE ADVISER WOULD BE RECRUITED AND HIRED DIRECTLY BY THE GOM WITH FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE USG. THE PROJECT WOULD BE ADMINISTERED THROUGH GOM MECHANISMS, WITH THE EMBASSY PRO-

VIDING PROJECT OVERSIGHT AND SUPPORT. HOWEVER, SINCE THIS IS NOT OUR NORMAL PROCEDURE FOR PROVIDING LONG-TERM ADVISER SERVICES, THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE GUARANTEES THAT THE ADVISER'S SERVICES WERE OBTAINED AND USED IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT. IN EFFECT THIS WILL REQUIRE ACTIVE EMBASSY INVOLVEMENT IN ALL PHASES OF THE PROJECT, AND WILL PROBABLY REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE LEAD TIME IN DEVELOPING, ADVERTISING, AND NEGOTIATING AN APPROPRIATE CONTRACT. IN ADDITION, THERE MAY BE CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN RECRUITING APPROPRIATE CANDIDATES IF THE PROCUREMENT IS HANDLED FROM KUALA LUMPUR. WE ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER THIS OPTION, BUT EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THIS HAS NOT BEEN OUR NORMAL WAY OF PROVIDING SUCH SERVICES; THUS, WE MAY ENCOUNTER UNEXPECTED PROBLEMS.

3. THE CONSIDERATIONS OUTLINED ABOVE IMPLY THAT IF THE EMBASSY AND THE GOM WISH TO MOVE QUICKLY, A RECRUITMENT THROUGH AID IS CLEARLY THE OPTION OF CHOICE. IF SPEED IS NOT OF THE ESSENCE, HOWEVER, AN AGREEMENT COULD BE DEVELOPED WHEREBY THE ADVISER WOULD BE RECRUITED THROUGH THE GOM.

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4. THE EMBASSY MAY ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER AN ALTERNATIVE DESIGN FOR THIS PROJECT. ONE SUCH ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO PROVIDE PEMADAM WITH PERIODIC RATHER THAN CONTINUOUS CONSULTATIONS BY A U.S. EXPERT IN DRUG REHABILITATION. NIDA HAS FOUND THIS TO BE A USEFUL MECHANISM IN OTHER COUNTRIES. THIS APPROACH MINIMIZES THE PRACTICAL PROBLEMS OF RECRUITMENT AND LONG-TERM PLACEMENT, AND VASTLY INCREASES THE RANGE OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATES. SIX, FOUR-WEEK CONSULTATIONS DURING A TWO-YEAR PERIOD, FOR EXAMPLE, MIGHT ACTUALLY BE MORE USEFUL TO PEMADAM THAN A CONTINUOUS TWELVE-MONTH STAY. ALTHOUGH THIS APPROACH WOULD NOT PROVIDE AN ONGOING STAFF RESOURCE FOR PEMADAM, IT WOULD PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF PEMADAM'S BECOMING OVERLY DEPENDENT UPON A TEMPORARY RESOURCE. IT WOULD ALSO GREATLY SIMPLIFY THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT SINCE SUCH SHORT-TERM CONSULTANCIES COULD BE ARRANGED THROUGH NIDA.

5. EMBASSY VIEWS ON THE FUTURE DIRECTION FOR THE PEMADAM ADVISER PROJECT ARE REQUESTED. AT EMBASSY DISCRETION, ALTERNATE PROPOSAL IN PARA 4 MAY BE DISCUSSED WITH AP-

PROPRIATE GOM OFFICIALS. CHRISTOPHER

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